



Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 85240099

County of Child's Residence: HARRIS

Gender: Male

Age: 5 Year(s) 2 Month(s)

Date of Death: 11/30/2018

On the date of the fatality, the child was not in DFPS conservatorship and was living with the child's parent, a managing conservator, a legal guardian or other person entitled to the child's possession.

Child's Name: Xu, Jiadong

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/01/2018

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The agency received a report stating that the deceased child's sibling came home from school and asked the child's mother where the deceased child was and the mother stated that she went him away. The report stated that the deceased child's father came home from work and asked where the deceased child was and the mother stated that she sent him away. The child's father search for him in the residence. The child's father checked in the garage and observed the deceased child's body in the trash can decapitated. The report stated that there were two separate trash bags in the trash can. The report stated that the child's body was in one bag and the child's head was in another bag. The report stated that the mother was arrested and taken into custody for questioning. The report stated that the child's mother stated that she drowned the child in the bath tub. The report stated that there were tire marks found on the child's body.

Investigation Findings:

The child's father reported that he was away from the home at work. He reported that when he came home from work the mother asked him "Do you know what I did?" and he said "No." The father reported she stated "I kill son." He stated that he looked inside and outside of the house and couldn't find the child. He stated that he asked where the deceased child was and the mother stated he was in a bag and the bag was in the garage. The father reported that he then went to the garage and looked in the trash can and pulled out the trash bag and found the child's leg coming out of the bag (containing the body) and another bag was pulled out containing the child's head. The father stated that the mother has a history of mental illness. The father stated that the mother has attempted suicide by cutting her throat, taking an overdose of pills, and jumping off of a highway overpass into a bayou. The father stated that the mother was hospitalized multiple times in psychiatric hospitals and placed on medications. The child's sibling was forensically interviewed and she stated that she came home from school and asked the mother where the child was and the mother told her that "the father took him away." The sibling stated she thought she meant the father took him to daycare. The deceased child normally goes to daycare, but on this morning the mother convinced the father to let him stay at home. The investigator interviewed the child's mother in jail and she admitted to both CPS and law enforcement that she killed the child. The mother and the father both report that she was not medication compliant. According to law enforcement, there are a lot of details to the case such as a set of the child's clothes were saturated with urine. It is suspected that the child peed on himself and the mother gave him a bath. While bathing the child, the mother drowned him. The mother then took his body to the garage and purposely backed over him to make it appear like an accident (as the child had tire marks on his body also). The mother then decapitated him and separated the head and body and placed them in separate bags in the trash can. The mother admitted that she killed the deceased child. The medical examiner ruled the cause of death as drowning and manner of death as homicide.

The allegation of physical abuse of the deceased child by the child's mother was confirmed. The child's body was found decapitated in two separate trash bags with the body in one bag and the head in another bag in a trash can in the family's garage. According to law enforcement, the child's mother admitted to killing the child by drowning him in the bathtub, running him over with a car, and severing his head. The autopsy revealed that the child's body had tire marks on it. The mother was arrested and charged with capital murder. The mother has a history of mental illness that was left untreated which ultimately lead her to murder the child. The mother has attempted suicide multiple times. The mother has been hospitalized in psychiatric hospitals and prescribed medications. The mother was not medication compliant.

The allegation of neglectful supervision of the deceased child by the child's father was confirmed. The mother has a history of mental illness that was left untreated which ultimately lead her to murder the deceased child. The mother has attempted suicide multiple times. The mother has been hospitalized in psychiatric hospitals and prescribed medications. The mother was not medication compliant. The father was aware of the mother's mental illness and her non-compliance with medications but still left the child in the mother's care unsupervised on the day that the mother murdered the child.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified: 12/01/2018: SDM--Initial: Safe with plan; 02/12/2019: SDM-Reassessment: Safe; 12/18/2018: SDM Final Risk Level: Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:**Case Action:****Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:****Other Services:**

The father declined written resources the investigator was attempting to give him and reported he would throw them in the trash.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The child's mother is in jail with no bond for the capital murder of the deceased child. The child's sibling is seeing the school counselor weekly to make sure her mental health needs are being met.

If one or more children were previously removed from the home, for each conservatorship episode, summarize dates of conservatorship and type of placement at the end of conservatorship:

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/04/2015

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The agency received a report stating that the deceased child came to day care with several large unexplained burns on various parts of his body in various stages of healing.

Investigation Findings:

The investigator interviewed the deceased child's father who stated that the child had mosquito bites and he used a topical cream that he brought from Singapore to treat the bites and as an insect repellent. The cream is very strong and the doctor indicated it was equivalent to a strong topical analgesic here in the United States and it made the child itch and the child's skin very irritated which caused the red marks and open wounds. The child was taken to the doctor and the doctor reported that the markings were not consistent with abuse or neglect. The doctor explained to the child's father about treating the mosquito bites appropriately by using hydrocortisone cream versus the cream from Singapore as it is too strong for the child. The child's sibling was interviewed and denied ever seeing the child hit by the father and mother and did not know how the marks got on the child's neck. The sibling denied being afraid of anyone in the home. The child's mother confirmed the father's explanation. Daycare staff verified that the child was still in daycare and the father drops the child off and picks him up.

The allegations of physical abuse and neglectful supervision of the deceased child by an unknown perpetrator was not confirmed. The child was seen at the day care with markings on his neck that appeared to be burns. The child's father and mother reported that the father put a topical cream that he brought from Singapore on the child's mosquito bites. The cream caused an irritation on the child and he scratched it leaving markings on himself. The child was seen by a doctor who confirmed that the topical cream from Singapore was too strong for the child and the marks were not from abuse or neglect. The child's sibling denied ever seeing the father or mother hit the child and denied being afraid of anyone in the home. Daycare staff confirmed that the child is

dropped off and picked up by the father. The parents denied the child or sibling is left alone with the mother.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

08/07/2015 SDM Safety Assessment: Initial-Safe

08/08/2015: Risk Assessment-Factors Controlled

Child Vulnerability-Very Little

Caregiver Capability-None

Quality Of Care-None

Maltreatment Pattern-Very Little

Home and Social Environment-Very Little

Response To Intervention-None

Protective Capacities-Very Little

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

None

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The family will continue with services through the open Family Based Safety Services.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 04/03/2015

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The agency received a report that the deceased child's mother was admitted to the hospital due to her attempting to cut her throat and wrist. The report stated that the deceased child, the child's sibling, and the child's father were in the residence when the incident occurred. The report stated that the child's mother has been under a lot of stress and the psychiatric team says she has suicidal ideation and paranoia. The report stated that the mother was transferred involuntarily to a psychiatric hospital. The reports stated that the child's mother and father do not feel she needs to go in an inpatient treatment center and want the mother to go home.

Investigation Findings:

The deceased child's mother stated that she was not feeling like she was a good wife and had not slept for several nights. The child's mother stated that the morning of the incident she went to the kitchen got a knife and went back to her bedroom. The mother stated that the deceased child was in the bed next to her when she cut her throat and cut her wrist with the knife. The mother stated that she laid down and it was a suicide attempt. The mother stated that the father saved her when he came into the room and dialed 911. The child's father and sibling were interviewed and confirmed seeing the deceased child on the bed next to the mother while she was bleeding.

The deceased child was enrolled in daycare and was attending daily. Family friends and school personnel agreed to monitor. The mother was seeing a psychiatrist as an outpatient which would be ending soon. A family team meeting was held. A family assessment was conducted jointly with the Family Based Safety Services and Investigations caseworkers and the case was accepted for Family Based Safety Services.

The allegations of neglectful supervision of the deceased child and the child's sibling by the children's mother were confirmed. The deceased child's mother admitted that she attempted suicide by cutting her throat and

wrist with the deceased child lying next to her in the bed. The child's father and sibling confirmed that they saw the child on the bed next to the mother. The mother was admitted to the hospital for psychiatric treatment.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

04/06/2015: SDM Safety Assessment-Initial: Safe

05/12/2015: Risk Assessment-Risk Indicated

Child Vulnerability-Very Little

Caregiver Capability-Considerable

Quality Of Care-Very Little

Maltreatment Pattern-Considerable

Home and Social Environment-Somewhat

Response To Intervention-Somewhat

Protective Capacities-Somewhat

Case Action: Open Family Based Safety Services

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Daycare; Counseling; Evaluation

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The family received FBSS services. The parents completed Parenting, Psychological Evaluation, Individual Therapy for the mother, and Psychiatric

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

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